

On the part of the House, Mr. Hampton received fifty votes, and Messrs. Ford & Walker received thirty-one votes.

Mr. Hampton having received a majority of all the votes, was declared duly elected Public Printer.

The Senate returned to their chamber, and, on motion of Mr. Hart, adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

#### THURSDAY, November 10, 1853.

The Senate was called to order by the President pursuant to adjournment—roll called—quorum present.

The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Lott presented the petition of sundry citizens of Smith, asking relief for Dr. D. P. Fowler, which was, on motion of Mr. Lott, referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Millican presented the petition of John Patrick, which was, on motion of Mr. Millican, referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Doane presented the petition of sundry citizens of Ysleta, asking relief; on motion of Mr. Doane, referred to the committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Potter introduced a bill for the relief of James McGloin; read first time.

Mr. Lott introduced a bill to incorporate the Grand Temple of Honor of the State of Texas, and subordinate Temples under its jurisdiction; read first time.

Mr. Lott introduced a joint resolution to provide for amending the 30th section of the general provisions of the Constitution; read first time.

Mr. Potter offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the committee on State Affairs be requested to examine into the propriety of providing for a geological survey of the State, and report thereon, by bill or otherwise, at as early a day as practicable.

Mr. Hart offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, By the Senate, that the Governor be requested to furnish the Senate with the report of the Commissioners and Superintendent of the Capitol, according to the 8th and 10th sections of an act to provide for the erection of a Capitol for the State of Texas.

Mr. Guinn offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the committee on Printing and Contingent Expenses be instructed to make arrangements to pay the Post-

master out of the Contingent Fund for the use of the Senate, the postage on any and all newspapers and public documents on which postage is required by law to be paid, which may be sent through the postoffice by the members of the Senate, during the present session.

On motion of Mr. Lott, the rule was suspended and resolution adopted.

Mr. Holland offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the Governor's Message and accompanying documents be referred to the appropriate committees.

Mr. Allen offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the committee on Education be requested to report to the Senate, at as early a day as may, by said committee, be deemed expedient, a bill for the establishment and support of a general and uniform system of free public schools throughout the State.

Mr. Taylor offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, By the Senate (the House concurring), that the two houses will assenble in the hall of the House on Saturday next, at 12 o'clock, for the purpose of counting the votes for Governor and Lieutenant-Governor.

On motion of Mr. Bryan, Mr. Scarborough was added to the committee on Printing and Contingent Expenses.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, leave of absence was granted to Mr. Millican for a few days.

Mr. Potter moved that a committee be appointed on Public Buildings ; carried.

Messrs. Bryan, Gage, Hart, Guinn and Superviele were appointed said committee.

### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to ascertain all forfeited and escheated lands, read second time, and, on motion of Mr. Armstrong, referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A bill to repeal the 90th and 91st sections of an act to regulate proceedings in the district courts, approved May 18th, 1845 ; read second time, and, on motion of Mr. Armstrong, referred to the same committee.

Resolution offered by Mr. Holland on yesterday, instructing the committee on Printing and Contingent Expenses to contract for        copies of the State Gazette and South Western American ; read, and, on motion of Mr. Scott, referred to the committee on Printing and Contingent Expenses.

Resolution offered on yesterday by Mr. Weatherford, request-

ing the Commissioner of the General Land Office to inform the Senate whether or not the Texas Emigration Land Company have filed in the Land Office the releases to the State, required by an act relating to land in Peters' Colony; read, and, on motion of Mr. Armstrong, laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Gage, the Senate adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

Senate met—roll called—quorum present.

Mr. Taylor introduced a bill to change the time of the meeting of the biennial sessions of the Legislature; read first time.

On motion of Mr. Holland, the Senate adjourned until nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, November 11, 1853.

The Senate was called to order by the President pursuant to adjournment—roll called—quorum present.

The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Hill presented the petition of Sarah Miles, which was, on motion of Mr. Hill, referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Scott presented the petition of the heirs of James W. Bates, for an unconditional certificate for 640 acres of land, which was, on motion of Mr. Scott, referred to the same committee.

Mr. Edwards, from the committee on Public Printing, made the following report:

COMMITTEE ROOM, November 11th, 1853.

HON. J. W. HENDERSON,

*President of the Senate:*

Your committee on Public Printing, to whom was referred a resolution of the Senate instructing them to contract for copies of the State Gazette and South-Western American, for the use of the members of the Senate, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report that they have contracted with the publishers of the South-Western American newspaper for        copies of their paper tri-weekly, for each member of the Senate (to contain the debates of the Senate), at six cents per copy. They have also contracted with the publishers of the Texas State Gazette for        copies of their paper, tri-weekly, for each member of the Senate, containing the journals of the Senate, at six cents per copy.

All of which is respectfully submitted.